

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 18 as follows:

Among the organic solvents serving as Component (d), those corresponding to (d1) include ethanol, 1-propanol, 2-propanol, butanol, isobutanol, ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, 1,3-butanediol, benzyl alcohol, cinnamyl alcohol, phenethyl alcohol, p-anisyl alcohol, p-methylbenzyl alcohol, phenoxyethanol, 2-benzyloxyethanol, methylcarbitol, ethyl carbitol, propyl carbitol, butyl carbitol, triethylene glycol monoethyl ether, triethylene glycol monobutyl ether, and glycerin; those corresponding to (d2) include N-methylpyrrolidone, N-octylpyrrolidone and N-laurylpyrrolidone; those corresponding to (d3) include ethylene carbonate and propylene carbonate; and, as the propylene glycol of (d4), preferred is that having a molecular weight of from 200 to ~~10,000~~ 1,000. In (d5), preferred examples of R⁹ and R¹⁰ in formulas (5) to (7) include linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups, a hydroxy group, a sulfonic acid group, a phosphoric acid group, a carboxyl group, a phenyl group, sulfoalkyl groups, alkyl phosphate groups and carboxyalkyl groups. Among these, preferred are linear or branched C₁₋₆ alkyl groups, for example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl and butyl groups, substituted at the γ -position in the case of γ -lactone and at the δ -position in the case of δ -lactone (the position of the methylene adjacent to the hetero oxygen atom). When enhancement of the water solubility of compounds (5) to (7) is desired, they preferably have, as R⁹ or R¹⁰, an acid group such as sulfonic acid group, phosphoric acid group or carboxy group, or an alkyl group substituted therewith. Examples of the lactone as (d5) include γ -butyrolactone, γ -caprolactone, γ -valerolactone, δ -valerolactone, δ -caprolactone and δ -heptanolactone. From the viewpoint of stability of the lactone, γ -lactones, especially γ -butyrolactone and γ -caprolactone are preferred. Examples of the cyclic ketone as (d5) include cyclopentanone, cyclohexanone, cycloheptanone and 4-methylcycloheptanone. As

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Component (d), particularly preferred are benzyl alcohol, benzyloxyethanol, propylene carbonate and propylene glycol.